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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language., which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

Description, Pages

1-23	as originally filed
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Claims, Numbers

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Drawings, Sheets

1/7-7/7	as originally filed
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-23
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-23
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-23
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

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**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

Reference is made to the following document:

D4: WO 99/57820 A (ARRAYCOMM, INC) 11 November 1999 (1999-11-11)

1. Novelty:

The document D4 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1, and shows a method for calibrating a communication system having an antenna array comprising:

- the subscriber unit transmits a first uplink calibration burst or bursts so that the base station can estimate the uplink channel
- the base station transmits a first downlink calibration burst (or bursts) so that the subscriber station can estimate the downlink channel
- "uplink signature" and "downlink signatures" are estimated as e.g. a vector of transfer functions
- uplink and downlink signatures are used to determine a calibration function to account for differences in the apparatus chains, and that enable downlink antenna processing weights to be determined.

The subject-matter of claim 1 differs from this known D4 substantially in that

- i. a second type of pilots is used in addition to the existing common pilot channel P_c to estimate a correction vector

3rd embodiment -> especial estimation symbols (or pilot channel) P_s

4th embodiment -> known symbols that are sometimes referred to as dedicated pilot channel P_d

The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore new (Article 33(2) PCT).

2. **Inventive step:**

The problem to be solved by the present invention may therefore be regarded as that of providing a method for achieving an improved estimate of the channel, which characterise the complete transmitter-air interface-receiver chain, whereby ensuring reciprocity of the bidirectional communication channel.

The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons:

by means of the above mentioned feature i., the channel estimate $H_{B \rightarrow A}^*$ is also known in the second node, which uses both $H_{B \rightarrow A}^*$ and the already known channel estimate $H_{A \rightarrow B}$ (determined by means of the common pilot channel) to calculate a correction vector.

Claims 2-16 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

3. **Other independent claims:**

The same reasoning applies, mutatis mutandis, to the subject-matter of the corresponding independent (apparatus) claim 17, which therefore is also considered new and inventive.